

"One Team, Supporting Military Missions and Family Readiness!"

14th Military Intelligence Battalion cases colors, prepares for deployment

By Spc. Natalie Sampson
 470th Military Intelligence
 Brigade Public Affairs

In getting ready for a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion cased its colors Oct. 19, with friends, family and fellow Soldiers in attendance.

The casing of the colors – where the battalion's colors were "cased" in a long, cloth container for transfer to the war zone – represents the movement of the unit's mission to a new theater of operations. The ceremony took place at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Activity Center.

While speaking to the troops, Col. Pierre Gervais, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade commander,

thanked the family members for "assembling to acknowledge the professionalism, commitment, and selfless service" of the approximately 130 deploying Soldiers and to formally recognize their impending deployment.

Gervais also noted the Soldiers' willingness to serve, evidenced by them continuing to enlist and reenlist and deploy when called.

The 14th MI Battalion's deployment history includes missions in support of various units around the world. Over the years it has conducted imagery interpretation, provided technical intelligence, document translation, ground-based signals intelligence, and electronic warfare support.

In July 2009, the battalion deployed to Iraq to conduct inter-

rogation and debriefing operations in support of multi-national forces there.

For the upcoming deployment, the battalion will conduct a similar mission in support of U.S. Forces Afghanistan and the International Security Assistance Force.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Kris Arnold pinpointed three watchwords as key to preparedness in his speech to the "Vipers": trust, discipline and fitness.

"Over the last year, one of the critical lessons I've learned as a battalion commander is that when Soldiers trust their leaders, they worry less about themselves and focus on the mission," he said.

"The 14th is a truly disciplined unit," Arnold added. "Extensive

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Photo by Spc. Natalie Sampson

Sgt. Maj. Michael Fanelli (right) prepares to case the colors of the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion after he and Lt. Col. Kris Arnold, battalion commander, furled the colors. The ceremony took place at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Activity Center Oct. 19 as the battalion prepares to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Halloween hauntings happening throughout Fort Sam Houston



Photo by Deyanira Romo Russell

Visitors to the Middle School Teen Center Haunted House can expect special greetings from scary characters.

By Deyanira Romo Russell
 502nd FSS Marketing

Ready for a good scare? If so, tweens and teens can head for the haunted house at the Youth Center on Watkins Road on Fort Sam Houston.

The frightening festival of mummies, zombies and other dark beings is open from 6 to 10 p.m., Oct. 28 and 29, and again on Halloween night, Oct. 31. For the younger visitors, the center also offers spills and thrills at

Casper's Fun House.

The haunted house received a 9 out of 10 rating on the scary meter according to 10-year-old Celeste Smith.

"I've never been in anything like this before," Smith said. "It was scary."

School Age Services also hosts a Halloween carnival from 4 to 5:45 p.m., Oct. 28 at Building 1703 on Winans Road.

And finally, the Child Development Center hosts its annual Family Fun Day Carnival from 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 28, in Building

2530 on Funston Road for all the wee ones at the CDC.

The Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library is also getting in on the scaring with a spooky story time Oct. 29, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Building 1222, on Harney Road. Kids in preschool through middle school are invited to join a costume parade and make Halloween crafts.

Post-wide trick or treating is Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. on Fort Sam Houston. For more information on all the Halloween happenings call 221-1139.

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Survivors present issues to leadership at Army Family Action Plan Summit

By Evan Dyson
 IMCOM Public Affairs

Survivors outlined their top recommendations to Army leadership this month at the conclusion of the Survivor Outreach Services Army Family Action Plan Summit.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, participated in the Oct. 13 event in Arlington, Va., along with his wife, Sarah. Also in attendance and delivering remarks was Linda Odierno, wife of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno.

"We've invested time, energy and resources into the program," Lynch said about Survivor Outreach Services. "You've got to tell us how we're doing. That's the purpose of the AFAP Summit."

The top five recommendations were:

- Establishing face-to-face training for Soldiers about the importance of a last will and testament
- Refining the Casualty Assistance Officer selection method to include the Casualty Assistance Centers in the screening process
- Removing time restrictions for survivors to contribute to tax free growth accounts
- Creating a dedicated survivor resource website
- Mandating the stabilization of active duty survivors for a minimum of one year

According to Lynch, some topics identified as issues – including web resources – may be handled rather quickly by enhancing existing sites and making sure people are aware of them.



Photo by Evan Dyson

Linda Odierno, wife of Gen. Raymond Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, delivers remarks to participants in the Army's Survivor Outreach Services Army Family Action Plan Summit in Arlington, Va., Oct. 13.

"You can have the best programs in the world, but if nobody knows about the programs, you might as well not even have the programs," Lynch said.

According to organizers, the event served as a mid-level AFAP summit. Issues presented at the conference that cannot be resolved at a local level will be forwarded to the Department of the Army AFAP summit in January.

In her remarks, Linda Odierno thanked all Survivors at the summit for their insight and recommendations, saying the feedback was critical to better serving the Army and all Survivors of the fallen.

"I want you to know we will never forget about your loss and we will never forget about you and your Family," Odierno said. "Being here shows how much you continue to care about the Army and its spouses

and Families who will also experience the loss of a loved one."

The summit, conducted by Survivor Outreach Services, drew from the experience of 50 Survivors. According to Hal Snyder, program manager for SOS, the intent for these types of events is to listen and respond to what actually resonates with the Survivor community.

"I have an idea what all these Families are going through," said Roger Verela. On May 17, 2007, Verela's son, Private First Class Alejandro Verela, was killed near Baghdad. "I don't know exactly how they're grieving because we all grieve differently, but we're not just friends or acquaintances, we're family. We are family."

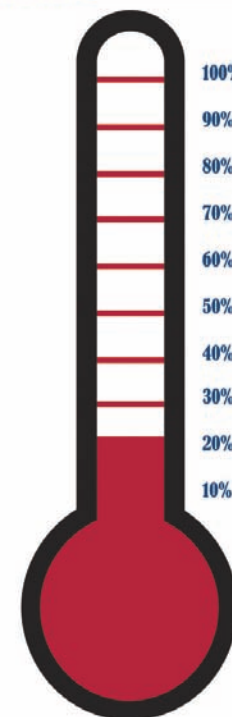
Following the conclusion of the summit, participants laid a wreath in Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

CFC UPDATE

Fort Sam Houston



Our Goal: **\$1,343,389**



Combined Federal Campaign

The Fort Sam Houston Combined Federal Campaign is steadily growing with donations now at 23 percent of the \$1,343,389 goal for 2011. Fort Sam Houston federal employees have the opportunity to select a charity and authorize a payroll deduction to donate directly to the CFC agency of their choice from now until Dec. 15. Deductions begin Jan. 1, 2012, and will continue through Dec. 31, 2012. Last year, the San Antonio CFC raised \$5.5 million, with Fort Sam Houston contributing nearly \$1.3 million.

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level
 as of Oct. 26

CURRENT LEVEL* = 650.2'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'



Joint Base San Antonio water restrictions have been returned to Stage II. As of Oct. 17, the Bexar County index well J-17 was at 651.7 feet. The JBSA Drought Management Plan calls for levels to revert to next higher level after 30 days of being above trigger. The J-17 has stayed above 642.0 feet since Sept. 16.

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502nd ABW Commanders Calls

Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, 502nd Air Base Wing commander, will hold a commander's call from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Bob Hope Theater on Lackland Air Force Base and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Evans Theater on Fort Sam Houston. All members of the wing are invited to attend.

ESPN2 at FSH Nov. 7

ESPN2 is live from Fort Sam Houston Nov. 7, as they kick off their week-long tribute to the military. Skip Bayless, Dana Jacobson, Jay Crawford and Jemele Hill will debate the sports issues of the day as well as highlight Fort Sam Houston from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Quadrangle. Come out, be a part of the audience and show ESPN2 that great Fort Sam Houston spirit.

Camp Bullis to open AAFES facility, Burger King

A new Army and Air Force Exchange Service retail facility and Burger King opens at 10:30 a.m., Nov. 2 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Building 5184.

Lincoln Family Housing Quarterly Town Hall

The Lincoln Family Housing quarterly town hall meeting for housing residents is at 6 p.m., Nov. 16 at the Main Resident Center, Building 407. Representatives from the Fort Sam Houston Fire and Police Departments, as well as from the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District and 502nd Force Support Squadron will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Refreshments will be served and there will be appearances by Sparky the fire dog and McGruff the crime dog. For more information, call 270-7638.

Health Fair

An Environmental/Occupational Health Fair will be presented by the 6A-F5 course students/Army Public Health Nurses at the Army Medical Department Center and School 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 7 in the North Atrium, ground floor of Willis Hall, in the Academy of Health Sciences. Topics include information on HIV/sexually transmitted diseases, heat injuries and nutrition. Call (240) 271-

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ARSOUTH commander briefs leaders at AUSA convention

By Eric R. Lucero
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, U.S. Army South commander, was one of six panelists on hand to participate in the Institute of Land Warfare discussion on "The Future of Engagement Opportunities and Shaping Operations Around the Globe" at the Association of the United States Army convention in Washington, D.C., Oct. 11.

The Institute of Land Warfare extends the influence of AUSA by informing and educating its members; local, regional and national leaders; and the American public on the critical nature of land forces and the importance of the United States Army.

For Trombitas, the forum offered a chance to brief senior military and civilian leaders on the mission and future of U.S. Army South.

Specifically, the panel discussion was a valuable opportunity to stress the importance of



Photo by Lt. Col. Antwan C. Williams

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, U.S. Army South commander, and Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, U.S. Army Europe commander, field questions following the Institute of Land Warfare panel discussion at the Association of the United States Army convention in Washington, D.C., Oct. 11.

theater security cooperation.

"We concentrate on theater security cooperation and those things that we can do to build the capacity and capability of our partners to the south so they can help us defend our southern flank," Trombitas said.

Using the 2010 deployment to Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response, Trombitas

gave the audience an example of ARSOUTH's ability to deploy rapidly and work in a multinational, multi-organizational environment.

Through this deployment, ARSOUTH Soldiers received critical real-world training and built crucial working relationships with partner nation armies while conducting humanitarian aid and

disaster relief.

The ability to work side-by-side with other nations in Haiti has paid immediate dividends during ARSOUTH's other major engagements, as the Soldiers were able to capitalize on the friendships forged in Haiti.

During exercises such as peacekeeping operations like Americas 2011, Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarias 2011, PANAMAX 2011, Beyond the Horizon 2011 and New Horizons 2011, Army South personnel had the chance to re-acquaint themselves with familiar faces from partner nation armies.

Trombitas stressed that these personal working relationships pave the way to a fluid exchange of information that is beneficial to both the United States and its southern allies. These relationships also lead to a level of trust between nations that allows for two-way support in the event that either is in need of assistance or support.

He pointed to the countries of Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and El Salvador as regional partners who have assisted the U.S.

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Army chefs learn from the San Antonio Culinary Institute of America

By Robert Dozier
IMCOM Public Affairs

Army chefs from around the world are learning master-level secrets and techniques from instructors at the Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio campus.

The Chef Development Program was created to improve the quality of the menus at Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation food and beverage operations and improve the level of satisfaction enjoyed by their Soldier customers.

The first Army students attended CIA in April 2011.

"When we conceived this program in 2008, we wanted to include recognized culinary schools, such as the Culinary

Institute of America, to train our Army employees," said Harper Dickson, senior program analyst with the U.S. Army Installation Management Command Family and MWR Directorate. "When IMCOM relocated to San Antonio ... we were fortunate to award a contract with the CIA in San Antonio."

The chefs come from garrison facilities such as quick service restaurants, officer, community and enlisted clubs and MWR-branded restaurants.

"I always dreamed about coming here (to the Culinary Institute of America), but it was too expensive for me," said Ryan Nakagawa, busi-



Photo by Robert Dozier

Army chefs learn top chef secrets and techniques during classroom and kitchen training session at the Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio campus. This one week course is specially designed for Army students selected from food and beverage operations around the world. The goal of the Chef Development Program is to increase the quality and level of service for MWR facilities, restaurants and clubs.

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2011 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs

All Federal employees are invited to attend the upcoming 2011 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs. Representatives will be present to discuss different insurance options available to employees for the upcoming year. FEHB open season is from Nov. 14 to Dec. 12. The first fair is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center at 2515 Funston, Building 251. The second fair is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 4 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, in the Medical Mall, adjacent to the pain clinic. For more information, call 808-0205 or 221-9638. Federal employees can also go to the Office of Personnel Management website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp>.

Complete Joint Base Travel Survey; win prizes

The JBSA Origin-Destination Travel Survey is underway. It will identify the travel patterns of military, retiree, and civilian populations at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases. Target audience is JBSA personnel (active duty, reservists, DoD civilians/contractor), retirees, and dependents 18 years and older. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JBSAsurvey>, complete the survey. Each respondent will receive a coupon for a free cup of coffee at the JBSA AAFES Express stores (formerly known as the Shoppette) and will also be automatically entered into a raffle to win one of three prizes: \$100 Gas Card, \$50 Exchange Gift Card and \$50 Exchange Gift Card.

JBSA Holiday Chorus Open Auditions

The USAF Band of the West is holding open auditions for the Joint Base San Antonio Holiday Chorus. Concerts are 3 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18 at the Edgewood Theatre for the Performing Arts at 607 SW 34 Street. Rehearsals will be weekly in November. For more information, visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil> or <http://www.Facebook.com/bandofthewest> or call the audition hotline at 672-5030.

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U.S. Navy Blue Angels to headline Randolph Air Show

The skies over San Antonio will be filled with thunder when Randolph Air Force Base hosts a free air show Oct. 29 and 30.

All are invited to this year's jam-packed show, featuring exciting and diverse military and civilian aircraft, with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels headlining both days.

Other performers will include: U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue, a T-6 four-ship formation, an F-4D Phantom demonstration, and a composite from the 12th Flying Training Wing from Randolph, to name only a few. There will also be a Vietnam re-enactment to include an F-4, A-4, O-2, AC-47, UH-1 and A-26.

Static displays will include: B-29 "Fifi," B-24, B-17, B-25 Yellow Rose, C-17 Globemaster III, CV-22 Osprey, F-15C, A-10 Thunderbolt II, HH-60G Pave Hawk, HH-65, P-3, P-38 Glacier Girl, T-38C, U-11A and U-3, plus many more.

Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Texas State Guard and Coast Guard will also be present to display their service unique assets.

This year's air show will include a variety of children's inflatables, aircraft simula-



tors, military recruiters and informational display booths. Food, beverages and merchandise will also be available for purchase, and a nominal fee will also be charged for some children's activities. Attendees without DOD ID

the main gate located off of FM 78 and Pat Booker Road.

Visitors are prohibited from bringing concealed weapons, ice chests, backpacks, large bags, alcohol, skates and skateboards. These items must be left in the vehicle. Camera

The schedule for both days is:

- 9 a.m. Gates Open to the public
- 10 a.m. Opening ceremonies
- 11:10 a.m. Composite Fly By
- 11:35 a.m. British Hawk Demo
- 11:50 a.m. Kent Pietsch and Interstate Cadet
- Noon Doc Winter (P-51)
- 12:15 p.m. Jason Newburg/Aerobatics Demo
- 12:30 p.m. Vietnam Show
- 12:45 p.m. Randy Ball (Mig-17)
- 1 p.m. Cartop landing
- 1:15 p.m. John Klatt/Aerobatics Demo
- 1:30 p.m. Dead Stick Demo
- 1:40 p.m. F-16 "Viper East Demo" and Heritage Flight
- 2:10 p.m. Tim Weber/Aerobatics Demo
- 2:30 p.m. U.S. Navy Blue Angels
- 3:30 p.m. Gates close to the public
- 5 p.m. Air Show ends

cards must enter through the East Gate off of Farm Market 78, South Gate on Lower Seguin Road or from FM 1518. ID card holders will be able to access the base through

bags, diaper bags, purses, strollers and lawn chair canvas carriers will be authorized but will be hand searched before entry is granted.

There will be two rows of handicap parking available on a first-come first-serve basis. Upon entering the parking area, Security Forces or parking assistant personnel can direct visitors who require handicap parking.

There is also a handicap drop off permitted near the entrance to the air show area. Handicap seating will be located along the west ramp.

(Source: Randolph AFB Public Affairs)

ARSOUTH engineers showcase capabilities during symposium

By Sgt. Tamika Exom
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

An U.S. Army South subordinate unit was one of nearly 250 organizations to showcase its products and capabilities at the Geospatial Intelligence 2011 Symposium held here at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in downtown San Antonio Oct. 17 through 19.

The 512th Engineering Detachment, Geospatial Planning Cell – comprised of 34 Soldiers – took part in the annual symposium, which is the largest in-



Sgt. John L. Putman (right), a geospatial engineer with the 512th Engineer Detachment, Geospatial Planning Cell, gives a briefing to one of the nearly 250 exhibitors who attended the Geospatial Intelligence 2011 symposium held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center Oct. 17-19. The 512th, comprised of 26 Soldiers, took part in the annual Geospatial Intelligence 2011 Symposium, the largest intelligence event in the nation.

Photo by Sgt. Tamika Exom

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GOWNS GALORE!



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Teresa Rice (left), wife of Gen. Edward A. Rice, commander of Air Education and Training Command, and Athena Cody, wife of AETC Command Chief Master Sgt. James Cody (right), join Linda Slater, as they look at gowns Oct. 13 during a visit to Cinderella's Closet at the Lackland One Stop facility. Cinderella's Closet, a volunteer-run program supported by the Lackland Enlisted Spouses Club, loans gowns and cocktail dresses for on- or off-base events at no cost to military ID cardholders. Slater, wife of 24th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Slater, is a volunteer and adviser to the Lackland Enlisted Spouses Club. Cinderella's Closet is located in Building 5460, 2240 Walker Ave. Walk-in hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays. Customers can also schedule an appointment online at <http://www.lacklandesc.org> or by calling 925-3750.

Obama: All U.S. troops out of Iraq by year's end

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

All U.S. service members will leave Iraq by the end of the year, President Barack Obama announced Oct. 21.

About 40,000 U.S. service members are in the country, and all will be "home for the holidays," Obama said.

The president made the announcement after speaking with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki this morning.

Since American forces went into Iraq in March 2003, more than one million Americans have deployed to the Middle Eastern country -- many multiple times. More than 32,200 U.S. service members and civilians have been wounded in the country, and 4,482 were killed.

"Today, I can report that as promised, the rest of our troops in Iraq will come home by the end of the year. After nearly nine years, America's war in Iraq will be over," the president said.

"The last American Soldiers will cross the border out of Iraq with their heads held high, proud of their success and knowing that the American people stand united in our support for our troops. That is how America's military efforts in Iraq will end."

The United States will maintain a close alliance with Iraq, the president said, and the withdrawal means the relationship between the countries will be just like that between the United States with any other country. Obama said it will be "an equal partnership based

on mutual interests and mutual respect."

Obama said he and Maliki agreed that a meeting of the Higher Coordinating Committee of the Strategic Framework Agreement will convene in the coming weeks, and that he invited the Iraqi leader to Washington to plan the future relationship.

"This will be a strong and enduring partnership, with our diplomats and civilian advisers in the lead; will help Iraqis strengthen institutions that are just, representative and accountable; will build new ties of trade and of commerce, culture and education, that unleash the potential of the Iraqi people; will partner with an Iraq that contributes to regional security and peace, just as we insist that other nations

respect Iraq's sovereignty," Obama said.

The United States will offer to help Iraq train and equip its forces, just as the United States offers assistance to countries around the world.

"There will be some difficult days ahead for Iraq, and the United States will continue to have an interest in an Iraq that is stable, secure and self-reliant," the president said. "Just as Iraqis have persevered through war, I'm confident that they can build a future worthy of their history as the cradle of civilization."

The end of war in Iraq reflects a larger transition in world affairs, Obama said. "The tide of war is receding," he said. "The drawdown in Iraq allowed us to refocus our fight against al-Qaida and

achieve major victories against its leadership, including Osama bin Laden."

The United States also is reducing the number of troops deployed to Afghanistan. He noted that when he took office in January 2009, more than 180,000 U.S. service members were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"By the end of this year, that number will be cut in half. And make no mistake: It will continue to go down," the president said.

The president said the United States is moving forward from a position of strength. The war in Iraq will end in December. The number of Americans in Afghanistan will continue to go down. As these actions continue, there will be fewer de-

ployments and more time for training, Obama said.

The nation still has the responsibility and duty to provide America's newest veterans and their families "the care, the benefits and the opportunities that they have earned," the president said.

"This includes enlisting our veterans in the greatest challenge that we now face as a nation -- creating opportunity and jobs in this country," he added. "After a decade of war, the nation that we need to build and the nation that we will build is our own, an America that sees its economic strength restored, just as we've restored our leadership around the globe."

Preparations to withdraw continue. The United States closed its U.S. Division North at Camp Speicher Oct. 20. Only one divisional level U.S. unit now remains in the country.

HOLY CROSS STUDENTS TOUR POST



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Students from Holy Cross High School took time from their tour of Fort Sam Houston Oct. 18 to pet the horses at the Army Support Activity Caisson unit. The students learned that the horses are not only fun, but play an important part of a special group who perform military honors at Fort Sam Houston for the men and women who have served our country. Holy Cross students also visited the Entomology Department and Army Medical Department Museum during their tour.

WARRIORS HOOP IT UP



Photo by Ken Hack

Service members in the Wounded Warrior Program competed in the Paralympics Military Wheel Chair Basketball Tournament at the Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus Oct. 16. Seventy-one participants making up seven military teams competed on the new basketball courts.

Pentagon officials seek DOD-wide Tuition Assistance Plan

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

Pentagon officials are reviewing the Defense Department's tuition assistance policy, and no DOD-wide decision has been made to change benefits, officials said Oct. 20.

All military services are providing input to the DOD review, officials said. Any recommended changes, they added, must be instituted in a deliberate, thoughtful manner that maintains the integrity of a joint, uniform policy for all service members.

Tuition assistance is a popular benefit for military members, particularly in light of the rising costs of post-secondary education courses.

However, in light of high military participation in the program, officials said the current tuition assistance policy has created funding challenges for the services. During fiscal 2010, tuition assistance costs totaled \$542 million, they reported.

In light of current fiscal constraints, the services consider these costs unsustainable, officials said. However, even if adjustments are made to the program, they emphasized that the department will continue to support its members' higher education goals.

"Opportunities for personal and professional growth have long been a part of military life, and the Department of Defense is committed to helping service members

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*Robert L. Gordon III
deputy assistant secretary of defense for
military community and family policy*

pursue civilian education while in uniform," said Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy.

Among educational offerings at military

commands and installations is access to tuition assistance counselors who provide face-to-face guidance to service members and their families, officials noted.

In addition, the Voluntary Education Program

portal addresses a full range of educational issues, from tuition assistance and financial aid to information on more than 1,800 colleges and universities. The portal may be found at <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/voled>.

Meanwhile, DOD's off-duty, voluntary education programs represent one of the world's largest continuing education program, officials noted. About 300,000 service members enroll in postsecondary courses in year, leading to associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees.

Colleges and universities also deliver classroom instruction through an extensive network to hundreds of military installations around the world.

Easier access to online educational programs -- regardless of where a service member may be assigned or deployed -- has sparked higher participation and greater use of educational benefits, officials noted.

This comes at a time when tuition and fees have increased dramatically.

In 2002 the average cost of an undergraduate course enrollment was \$276.79, and for graduate work, \$461.70, officials said.

Today, that same coursework cost \$600.40 and \$750.00, respectively.

These issues, combined, have created financial conditions that need to be addressed now to preserve the benefit, officials said.



Celebrate America's Military is an annual series of events honoring the men and women of the active duty military services, the guard and reserve, wounded warriors and veterans, for their service to the nation.

The Greater San Antonio Chamber created the Celebrate America's Military in 1970 as a way for the business community to say thank you to men and women who serve and have served in the military. The tradition has grown to become the nation's largest community event just in honor of our military, with more than 250,000 people participating in the events each year.

Oct. 28

CAM Kickoff Luncheon. Hosted by the Greater Chamber, speaker is Ken Fisher, Chairman, Fisher House Foundation. Marriott Rivercenter Hotel (101 Bowie St.). 11:30 a.m. registration, noon lunch.

San Antonio Rampage hockey game. Celebrate America's Military night. At the AT&T Center: 7 p.m. Click on <http://www.sarampage.com/home/> for more information and special ticket pricing. (Open to the public)

Oct 29-30

AirFest 2011. At Randolph Air Force Base, gates open 9 a.m., close 5 p.m. (Free and open to the public)

Nov. 1

Bexar County CAM Proclamation. Bexar County Courthouse, 11 a.m.

Nov. 2

City of San Antonio CAM Proclamation. City Council Chamber, 5 p.m.

Nov. 3

Employer Support for the Guard & Reserve (ESGR) Proclamation. City of San Antonio Council Chambers, 5 p.m. (Free and open to the public)

Nov. 4

Association of the U.S. Army Luncheon with Command Sgt. Major Neil Ciotola, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Sam Houston Club, 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 7

CAM Birdies for the Brave golf tournament. TPC San Antonio, 23808 Resort Parkway. 9:30 a.m. registration, noon shotgun tee time. Click on <http://www.birdiesforthebrave.org/> for more information.

Nov. 8

Air Force Association Combat Breakfast. Kendrick Enlisted Club, Randolph Air Force Base, 7 a.m.

Nov. 9

Spirit of America Dinner. Hosted by The Greater San Antonio Chamber. Speaker is Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 123 Losoya; 6:30 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner.

Nov. 10

Employer Support for the Guard & Reserve (ESGR) "Salute to Bosses" luncheon. Speaker is Maj. Gen. Eddy Spurgin, commanding general, 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard. Double Tree Hotel Downtown, noon lunch.

U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association Proclamation. City Council Chambers at 5 p.m.

Nov. 11

Veterans Day ceremonies. Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Steven Muro, undersecretary for memorial affairs, Veterans Administration. The event will also include a naturalization ceremony for approximately 25 military members. (Free and open to the public)

Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers commemorative ceremony. San Antonio National Cemetery, 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding generals, U.S. Army South. (Free and open to the public)

Nov. 12

U.S. Military Veterans parade and wreath laying. Alamo Plaza, 10:30 a.m. Parade at noon. The Grand Marshal John Spahr, State Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Numerous Fort Sam Houston units and leaders participating in the wreath ceremony at the Alamo and in the parade in HUMVEEs. Click on <http://usmvp.com/> for more information. (Free and open to the public)

Nov. 13

Rock n Roll Marathon, Half Marathon. S. Alamo Street and E. Market Street, 7:30 a.m. Military members can sign up with this code for \$15 discount: MILITARY2011.

Veterans Day concert "Salute to Service." At Majestic Theater at 7 p.m. The U.S. Air Force Band of the West and the San Antonio Symphony present a joint Veterans Day Concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Majestic Theatre in downtown San Antonio. This is a free event and open to the public. Tickets can be picked up at the symphony box office, Majestic Theater box office, Fiesta Commission Store, the Fort Sam Houston MWR office in Building 122 and at the ITT offices at Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases. Call 554-1010 or visit <http://sasymphony.org> for more information.

502ND AIR BASE WING THIRD QUARTER AWARD WINNERS

Christopher Underwood from the 502nd Comptroller Squadron at Fort Sam Houston is the Civilian Supervisory Category II winner for the third quarter of 2011 for the 502nd Air Base Wing.

Other quarterly winners were: Senior Airman Stacey Herko, 802nd Force Support Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Junior Enlisted Member; Staff Sgt. Ron Turner, 902nd Security Forces Squadron, Randolph AFB, Non-commissioned Officer; Master Sgt. Tracette Abney, 802nd FSS, Senior Enlisted Member; Capt. Antwan Floyd, 902nd SFS, Company Grade Officer; Robert Smith, 802nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Civilian Wage Grade; Richard Campos, 802nd Contracting Squadron, Civilian Non-Supervisory Category I; Joseph Domeier, 902nd CES, Civilian Non-Supervisory Category II; Rhonda Chavez, 902nd CONS, Civilian Non-Supervisory Category III; and James Rouse, 902nd Logistics Squadron, Civilian Supervisory Category I.



Christopher Underwood

MICC COMMANDER HOSTS GAZEBO CONCERT



Photo by Daniel Elkins

Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring and his wife, Debbie, served as host for a reception and the October Gazebo Concert at Fort Sam Houston Oct. 23. More than 100 guests enjoyed the performance by Fort Sam's Own 323rd Army Band that featured traditional patriotic music, a few Latin numbers, as well as some Halloween-themed performances. The concert was the last gazebo performance for the year. Leisenring is the commanding general for the Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

YOUTH OF THE QUARTER



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Marcus Reese was selected as the Youth of the Quarter at the Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center this month. The 15-year-old enjoys playing pool at the center, but also spearheaded some activities for his peers like community service projects and served as a DJ for a dance there. He took home a new digital camera for the recognition. The center is open to all youth in sixth through 12th grade who are registered with Child Youth and School Services.

232nd Medical Battalion HHC, Company H changes command

Capt. James J. Greene Jr. took command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company H of the 232nd Medical Battalion during a ceremony at Building 1375, Oct. 14, replacing Capt. Michael Brown III.

Brown was the interim commander as Greene finished the Army Medical Department Captain's Career Course. Brown will now move back to his previous position as the EMT-1 team officer in charge for the 232nd Medical Battalion.

Prior to assuming command, Greene was also a project manager at the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center on Fort Sam Houston.

Presiding officer for the ceremony was Lt. Col. Eric Sones, 232nd Medical Battalion commander, with assistance from Master Sgt. Richard Lovelace, the first sergeant HHC and H Co. Special Guest was Col. William LaChance, 32nd Medical Brigade commander and HHC Brigade commander Maj. Richard Valesquez.



Courtesy photo

Capt. James J. Greene Jr. speaks to the troops from Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company H of the 232nd Medical Battalion after taking command in a ceremony Oct. 14.

Know the new filing deadlines for household goods claims

By Capt. John Withers
FSH Army Claims Office

In late 2008, the Department of Defense announced the Defense Personal Property Program, which changed the way that PCS property shipments are handled.

As a result of the changes, service members can receive full replacement value for lost or damaged goods, and moving companies are now selected based on best value, not on lowest cost.

The program includes the Defense Personal Property System, an automated, one-stop website (<https://www.move.mil>) for handling the entire moving process. The Defense Personal Property System allows service members to manage pre-move self-counseling, arrange

household goods pickup and delivery, and monitor shipment status en route. It also allows service members to file claims directly with the mover for lost or damaged goods.

Although the Defense Personal Property System includes better claims entitlements for service members, there are strict filing deadlines that must be met in order to qualify for them.

First, a notice of loss or damage must be submitted within 75 calendar days after the date of household goods delivery. This notice can be submitted online or through the military claims office.

The notice does not constitute a claim, however; it merely serves to notify the mover that the member intends to file a claim at a later time.

If members fail to

submit their notice of loss or damage within the required 75 days, the loss or damage is presumed not to have been the responsibility of the mover. The members will be barred from submitting a claim for that shipment, and their lost or damaged household goods will not be compensated.

Some members have reported problems with submitting these notices through DPS. They are encouraged to furnish a copy of their notice to the military claims office, which can follow up with the mover to ensure timely receipt.

After members have timely filed their notice of loss or damage, they have nine months from the date of delivery to file a full replacement value claim with the mover. Members whose property

move was initiated under Defense Personal Property System are required to file claims online with the Defense Personal Property System.

Movers will settle claims by replacing or repairing damaged items or paying the full, non-depreciated replacement cost. Movers are responsible for obtaining estimates for all repair and replacement costs. If members miss the nine-month deadline, the carrier will pay only depreciated replacement or repair cost and will not be responsible for obtaining estimates.

Once the carrier receives a member's claim, it has 60 days to pay a claim, deny it, or make a final written offer. Once a claim is settled, the carrier has 30 days to make payment.

Claims can be transferred to the military claims office if a carrier denies a claim, makes an unacceptable settlement offer, or does not settle the offer within the required 60 days.

However, the claims office will pay only the depreciated repair or replacement value unless it can recover the full replacement cost from the mover.

Regardless of whether members file directly with carriers or with a military claims office, there is a two-year statute of limitations to file their claim, calculated from the date of delivery.

Claims filed after the nine-month FRV deadline, but before the two-year statute of limitations, are eligible to receive only depreciated repair or replacement value. This

deadline is mandated by law and cannot be waived.

There are some exceptions to the requirement to use DPS for property shipments.

For example, persons arranging their retirement or separation property move should not self-counsel on the Defense Personal Property System. Instead, they should speak with their transportation office for pre-move counseling.

Additionally, because the Defense Personal Property System is not compatible with Safari browsers on Mac computers, members without access to a Windows computer should speak with their military claims office for other options.

For additional claims information, visit <https://www.move.mil> or call the Fort Sam Houston Army Claims Office at 221-1973.

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Audition dates and places are:
Lackland Air Force Base: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Skylark Community Center's Longhorn Room, Building 6576, 1560 Luke Blvd. Fort Sam Houston: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Nov. 1 at the Dodd Field Chapel, Rooms 139 and 141, Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd. Randolph AFB: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Randolph Arts and Crafts Center, second floor, Building 895, J Street West.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day

Fort Sam Houston Retiree Services hosts the 2011 Military Retiree Appreciation Day from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 5 at Blesse Auditorium, Building 2841. The event is open to all military retirees and their dependents. Services provided

include a health fair, legal services, TRICARE information, ID card assistance and much more. For more information, call 221-9004.

Fort Sam Houston Graduation Ceremony

All service members who have graduated with a college

degree in the last fiscal year from October 2010 to date are eligible to participate in the Fort Sam Houston Graduation Ceremony 2 p.m. Nov. 15 at Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Participants will be allowed to invite family members and enjoy an after-ceremony reception. If you are

interested in participating, please contact Education Center counselors at 221-1738 before Nov. 1.

Combined Federal Campaign

Fort Sam Houston's campaign goal is \$1,343,389. Pledge now through Dec. 15. Call 221-2207 for information.

Nickle's star rising at Fort Sam Houston

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502 FSS Marketing

Air Force Staff Sgt. Octavia Nickle advances to the Operation Rising Star Army finals starting Dec. 10, which also marks the grand re-opening of the newly renovated Fort Sam Houston Army Entertainment Theater. Nickle took first place in the local Operation Rising Star competition at the Hacienda Recreation Center in August with her rendition of "Come to My Window" by Melissa Etheridge and is now a contender for the grand prize.

"I am so excited. I can't believe it. I am really looking forward to performing in this highly important military-wide competition. I feel blessed," said Nickle.

The competition ran this summer at 37 military installations worldwide. The top 37 performers from each garrison were judged based on a video recording of their performance.

Out of these, 12 finalists were selected to perform for the grand prize in December. Up for grabs is an all-expense-paid trip for two to Los Angeles to record a three-song demo compact disc.

The trip includes air fare, lodging, \$1,000 spending money and three days and nights of studio time with the support of

top-rate musicians and recording technicians. The professional studio time includes music arrangement, mixing and mastering, a vocal coach, an audio engineer and a CD producer.

The approximate retail value of the prize package is \$18,700.

Operation Rising Star is hosted by Installation Management Command G9, Family and MWR and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to provide service members and their family members an opportunity to reach their dreams of becoming a recording artist.

"We are extremely excited to host the Operation Rising Star Finals on Fort Sam Houston in the newly renovated Army Entertainment Theater," said Amy Leon, IMCOM senior marketing coordinator/ORS project manager. "The event will mark the grand opening of the theater restored to its original luster."

The competition, similar to the popular television show "American Idol," will be televised on The Pentagon Channel from Dec. 11 through 17, allowing the audience to vote for their Operation Rising Star.

The Operation Rising Star website, oprisingstar.com has more information on the upcoming competition on Fort Sam Houston and a Facebook contest where fans can get involved and win prizes too.



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Air Force Staff Sgt. Octavia Nickle will put her singing talents up against 11 other contestants in the finals of the Operation Rising Star singing competition slated for Dec. 10, at the newly remodeled Fort Sam Houston Army Entertainment Theater.



Staff Sgt. Octavia Nickle
U.S. Air Force
Joint Base San Antonio

Staff Sgt. Octavia Nickle is in the Air Force and is originally from Stafford, Va.

One of her greatest successes in music to date is becoming a member and lead singer for "The Monster Garage Band" while deployed.

Nickle played bass in high school and was also in gospel choirs.

Q: What genre of music is your favorite?

A: Soft rock; ballads.

Q: When did you realize you had a talent for singing?

A: Around 7 or 8 years old in church.

Q: What is your all-time favorite song?

A: "Power of Love" by Celine Dion and "I Hope You Dance" by Leanne Womack.

Q: What importance has music played in your life?

A: Without music — unable to listen to it, play it, or sing it — how could I express how I'm feeling?

Fan game offers chance at Grammy tickets through Operation Rising Star

By Evan Dyson
IMCOM Public Affairs

Regardless of singing ability, one eligible MWR patron will win two tickets to Hollywood and the Grammys through the Army's premier singing competition. It will take just a little luck, trivia knowledge and technology.

Modeled after "American Idol," Operation Rising Star showcases musical talent within the military community.

The Operation Rising Star Ultimate Fan Game offers the

chance to answer trivia questions about the competition online. According to organizers, the game provides another way members of the military community can get involved in the competition. The Ultimate Fan Game grand prize winner will receive a trip for two to Hollywood, join the winner of Operation Rising Star at the Grammy awards show and visit a Hollywood recording studio to watch the 2011 Operation Rising Star winner record a three-song demo CD.

Weekly prizes range from

gift cards to iPods. Each week until Nov. 6, the 10 highest-scoring participants will automatically enter into the grand prize sweepstakes. The winner will be drawn during the competition's finals week in December.

Trivia questions for the promotion will come from the past three seasons of the show, viewable online at the Army Family and MWR channel on YouTube at <http://youtube.com/FamilyMWR>.

The grand-prize winner will be announced during the Op-

eration Rising Star finals week broadcast, beginning Dec. 11 on the Pentagon Channel and at OpRisingStar.com.

Operation Rising Star is a production of Army Entertainment. Local competitions have already taken place in 37 venues. In November, a group of local winners will move on to the larger competition hosted by Installation Management Command, Family and MWR Programs.

Historically, the annual competition concluded at Fort Belvoir, Va. This year, however,

it will wrap up in the historic Fort Sam Houston Theater following the Base Realignment and Closure move of Family and MWR Programs from Alexandria, Va. to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The Operation Rising Star Ultimate Fan Game online experience was made possible by NTB Media with sponsorship by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

To learn more about the singing competition and to play the online game, visit <http://oprisingstar.com/>.



Photos by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Singing "My Endless Love" garnered second place for the duet of Robin Farland and Ty Robinson.



Sgt. Tony Cooper won second place the male vocal solo category for his soulful performance of "It's a Man's, Man's, Man's World" in the 2011 Festival of the Arts Competition at the Hacienda Recreation Center in June.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Hacienda rack up multiple Army arts festival awards

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502 FSS Marketing

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre's musical production, "Legend of the Golden Oldies" racked up five U.S. Army Festival of the Arts Awards recently, while the Hacienda Recreation Center's "A Musical Splendor" won 10 awards.

The "Legend of the Golden Oldies," is a musical, featuring more than 80 hits of the 1950s and early 1960s.

The five awards included 3rd Place, Outstanding Sound Design for Michael Berlet and Missy Miller; 2nd Place, Outstanding Costume Design, Missy Miller, Shawn Kjos and Gretel Campbell; 3rd Place, Outstanding Light Design, Robert Olivas; 2nd Place, Outstanding Choreography, Missy Miller and Johnny Halpenny; 1st Place, Outstanding Ensemble, the cast consisting of Shawn Kjos, Michael Berlet, Johnny Halpenny, Tim Miller, Sarah Peters, Seeley Stephens and Kyle Skye Lynn.

"Our cast and crew fully devote themselves to creating great entertainment for our audiences," Miller said.

"These awards indicate just how well our team does this. I am thrilled to receive the recognition and I wholeheartedly congratulate all our cast and crew for continuously putting on award-winning shows."

The Hacienda Recreation Center's talent variety entertainment production, "A Musical Splendor," was hosted by BOSS or Better Opportunities for Single Service Members.

The winners included, 2nd Place, Outstanding Artistic Director, Ben Paniagua; 2nd Place, Outstanding Set Design, Ty Robinson; 3rd Place, Outstanding Lighting Design, Ty Robinson and Dwayne Terrell; 2nd Place, Outstanding Sound Design, Dwayne Terrell; 1st Place, Outstanding Instrumental Solo, Staff Sgt. Reginald Sampson; 1st Place, Outstanding Vocal Duet, Airman 1st Class Sherita Cummings and Airman 1st Class Michael McAnderson; 2nd Place, Outstanding Vocal Duet, Ty Robinson and

Robin Farland; 3rd Place, Outstanding Individual Specialty, James Cox; 1st Place, Outstanding Male Vocal Solo, Sgt. Tony Cooper; and 2nd Place, Outstanding Female Vocal Solo, Airman 1st Class Sherita Cummings.

"I'm really excited about it," said Paniagua, who produced and directed the show and is the director of the Hacienda Recreation Center. "We worked really hard on the show and I'm glad we got recognized."

Annually, Festival of the Arts spotlights the dedication, quality of execution, and the immeasurable extent of commitment made by members of the military, their families, civilian volunteers and staff who contribute to the quality of life within their garrison communities.

Thirty installations worldwide participated in the competition this year in different categories including the talent variety show, like the Hacienda Recreation Center, the production of a musical like the Harlequin Dinner Theatre and in music, theater or special event categories.

Many performers are recognized and are invited to join Family and MWR's premier entertainment events like the U.S. Army Soldier Show.



Airman 1st Class Sherita Cummings and Airman 1st Class Michael McAnderson won 1st place for their vocal duet at the 2011 Festival of the Arts at the Hacienda Recreation Center in June.

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and multifaceted training has resulted in an extremely competent and disciplined unit. The 14th takes fitness seriously, especially physical fitness. "The 14th is ready to deploy, as the trust, discipline and fitness levels have truly reached a high

water mark over the last year as we have ramped up for deployment," Arnold said. "These levels will continue to grow during the deployment as we will establish a very formalized and methodical process for continuing to train and learn in a live-environment setting

where the context is as rich as it can be." Arnold and battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Fanelli shared the honor of furling and casing the colors. Guest of honor for this event was Maj. Gen. Mary Legere, commander of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

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ness manager at the Strike Zone, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. "I appreciate the opportunity the Army has given me and I can't wait to get back for the intermediate and advanced courses. It's for our Soldiers and they deserve it." "We're trying to make good cooks into chefs," said Chef Michael Katz, CIA instructor. Instruction starts in the classroom with overhead presentations, whiteboard

diagrams and discussions. The students are eager to get into the kitchen and put academics into practice on griddles, saucapans and chopping blocks. "I didn't expect it to be so hands-on," said Asha-leen Kennedy, operations assistant at the Custer Hill Golf Course, Fort Riley, Kansas. "We're in the kitchen 5 to 6 hours a day." "Today we're being trained on breakfast, but I'm looking forward to the soups: beef barley

or potato chowder," said Michael Lewis, assistant cook at the Java Café, Presidio of Monterey, Calif. "I like to make it fresh so the Soldiers will enjoy it better. This is my passion -- cooking, and cooking is my ticket." "At the Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio, we don't cook soups, we build them," said Katz. "We want our Army students to leave here better prepared for their job and to be ready as future leaders of tomorrow."

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during Operation Iraqi Freedom. "After 10 years of war, our partners are very curious about the lessons we've learned," said Trombitas. In addition, he mentioned Colombia as a combat tested army that has had more than 50 years of fighting experience in their struggle with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. Colombia's tactics and doctrine are based on the U.S. doctrine after supporting the United Nations effort in Korea and subsequently, molding their army after the United States model. Through the U.S. Army's experience in

Iraq and Afghanistan, and Colombia's experience battling the FARC, both countries realize the valuable resource available to them in the form of sharing lessons learned. The information exchanged between the armies helps to strengthen the bonds between the countries; something Trombitas feels can help to influence other regional partners. "Colombia's a regional partner and they want to be a player in countering illicit trafficking and sharing its lessons learned with the other countries," Trombitas said. Other commanders shared a similar sentiment in regard to utilizing partner nations to help build regional stability through professional exchanges. "Engagement makes a difference in every region of the world," said Lt. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, United States Army Central commander. "I call it exporting professionalism. Through close contact with professionals from other countries, those countries become stable and reliable partners." Through branching out and sharing information, the network of willing and able partners extends throughout Army South's area of responsibility and in the process strengthens the command's mission of theater security cooperation.

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telligence conference in the nation. Geospatial is geographically based data, collected in real time. The theme for the symposium was forging integrated intelligence. The 512th ED has evolved from the topographic engineer field in the 1960s, where all terrain analysis was done manually, to a completely automated process of collecting, analyzing, managing and distributing geospatial data and coordinating geospatial support activities. The 512th is one of only four GPCs in the Army. "The men and women of the 512th use their skill set and all the tools available to create products that depict and help visualize terrain," said Sgt. John L. Putman, a geospatial engineer with the 512th. "This enables maneuver forces to execute military operations accurately and effectively." One key task the

512th is responsible for includes populating the Theater Geospatial Database. This database provides commanders with the best terrain visualization products to execute missions. Some of these products include determining lines of communication, flood and landslide analysis of terrain and locating helicopter landing, and drop zones. "Our unit is equipped with an Automated Route Reconnaissance Kit," Putman said. "It is used to simplify and expedite mounted route reconnaissance missions. It collects route condition data and other physical infrastructure and terrain data, both by ground and air." In 2010, the 512th Engineering Detachment deployed to Haiti as part of Operation Unified Response to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. The unit was able to produce route reconnaissance data, flood

analysis and mudslide analysis during the deployment. This data was provided to the Joint Task Force-Haiti commander who used the data to successfully complete the mission. The 512th was also able to provide valuable infrastructure products, helicopter landing zones and possible points of entry as well as analyzing possible main and alternate supply routes to and from sea ports to various agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and the American Red Cross, while deployed to Haiti. "We wanted to let the geospatial community know what types of [geospatial] capabilities we have and what we have available to the warfighter," said Sgt. 1st Class Percy L. Carr, senior topographic sergeant, 512th Engineer Detachment (GPC) "I believe we accomplished that."

Modernized voting assistance program simplifies process

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.
American Forces Press Service

Significant improvements have taken place over the last five years in making military people more aware of the Federal Voting Assistance Program and the resources it makes available, the program's director said.

In a recent interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service, Bob Carey said military voter participation rates in the program went up 21 percent over that period, and military voter awareness of the voting assistance resources available to them show increases ranging from 50 to 85 percent.

The program saw a 25 percent increase in the number of ballots

received and returned by military voters, he added.

Carey attributed the program's recent success to a transition toward more convenient, user-friendly opportunities for voters.

"We've focused our program on trying to get away from traditional paper-based forms and hierarchical notification of people [about] voter assistance," he said, as program officials have relied more on online and print advertising and emails to the entire military to get the word out.

"We're also providing a number of online tools so they can automatically, seamlessly, intuitively complete their forms without having to page through hundreds of pages of instructions," Carey said. The new process is "hassle-free" and can be

completed in five to 10 minutes, he added.

Also, program officials convinced 31 states to put their ballots online for military voters in the 2010 election and will be doing the same for the 2012 election, he said.

Another success for the program has been a 33 percent increase in voting by 18- to 24-year-olds. The youngest voters historically vote the least, and still have a lower rate of voting than the rest of the population, Carey said.

"I think it's largely because they're first-time voters, they're more likely to be deployed, and they're less likely to have access to the types of resources that more senior and older personnel probably do," he explained.

A social media presence also has helped in

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*Bob Carey
Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service*

spreading the word about voting, Carey said. "We have about 4,500 friends on Facebook," he noted, "and you can find us [there] at Federal Voting Assistance Program."

The program's resources also are available through Twitter – @FVAP – and through its website at <http://www.FVAP.gov>, he said.

A Federal Voting As-

sistance Program kickoff event to prepare for the 2012 election is slated to take place in conjunction with the Nov. 11 "Carrier Classic" basketball game between the University of North Carolina and Michigan State University aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson in San Diego.

"We really want to impress upon people that

if they want to participate in the presidential preference primaries, they need to be getting their absentee ballot applications in in November," Carey said. "Some of these presidential preference primaries are going to be starting in January, and the ballots are going to be sent out in December, so those local elections officials need to know that you want a ballot in November."

Carey stressed the need for voters to get their absentee ballot applications submitted as the program seeks continued success.

"Overall, we're really happy," he said. "We're seeing more voters being able to get their ballots, more voters being able to return their ballots, and we're seeing – most importantly, from our agency's perspective – more voters knowing how to get the assistance they need to be able to successfully vote."

New process offers dynamic shift in acquisition tracking

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs Office

Mission and Installation Contracting Command officials at Fort Sam Houston are shifting their strategic approach to Army acquisitions by incorporating a more meticulous planning process to improve communication, standardize the development of milestones and increase accountability.

Implementation of the Acquisition Milestone Agreement process across the MICC is set for January 2012 and will rely on a cooperative partnership between contracting experts, requiring activities and Army leaders to ensure efficient and effective acquisition strategies are executed to meet the mission critical need dates of customers, according to

officials.

"The AMA process kicks off the teaming arrangement early in the acquisition," said Kimberly Wentrcek, the installation contracting office acting director at Fort Meade, Md., who is leading the integrated process team for implementing the new process.

"The AMA process invites our customers to play a more active role earlier in the acquisition process, which results in better working relationships and customer buy-in."

The change is a result of a number of missed milestones that resulted in the need for sole-source contract actions to continue services, which increased costs and placed MICC customers' missions at risk.

Wentrcek said the IPT found that under the previous methodology, the teaming did not typically begin until receipt of an acquisition package at the contracting office, which led to a disconnect between the acquisition strategy and evaluators' perceptions.

"Our efforts resulted in a strategic shift in how the MICC conducts business by not waiting for acquisition packages to arrive in contracting, but rather proactively plan and team with our customers to generate better acquisition strategies that meet customer mission need dates and reduce costs," she said.

The agreement marks a significant departure from previous procedures by bringing parties to the table much sooner for a

back-to-basics approach in developing and managing procurements.

"The AMA process defines expectations for all parties, provides expert assistance and identifies and alleviates stumbling blocks to meeting milestones," Wentrcek explained. "It symbolizes a culture shift from reactive to proactive contracting while leveraging the resources of the MICC

and our customers."

The change calls for initiating a communication and tracking measure much earlier in the process. Contracting experts will create and coordinate the agreement as part of a kickoff meeting that documents the customer's understanding of responsibilities in the acquisition process.

The agreement will then serve as a binding

document with agreed-to procurement milestones thus creating joint accountability between mission partners. Any changes in milestones would require concurrence by both the MICC and requiring activity.

The AMA process will help maintain the MICC's commitment to ensuring that requirements are

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Photo by Daniel Elkins

Sandra Tillman, a contracting officer, pulls a file for review at the Fort Belvoir, Va., mission contracting office. Tillman, along with other contracting professionals throughout the Mission and Installation Contracting Command, will soon receive training on the Acquisition Milestone Agreement process.

Exchange offers expanded layaway at Fort Sam Houston

With the holiday season right around the corner, the Post Exchange is offering a variety of expanded, convenient layaway options can keep the surprise “in the bag” as some items, such as toys and bikes, can be held on layaway until as late as Christmas Eve.



“Let the kids tear through the house look- ing for this year’s pres-

ents,” said the FSH PX general manager Ricky Hurst. “By extending the

terms of our layaway program during the holi- days, the Exchange can help keep the surprise under wraps.”

Clothing, shoes and even handbags are eli- gible for 30-day layaway while all other merchan- dise (excluding fine jew- elry, which is eligible for

120 days of layaway) can be put on layaway for up to 60 days. Addition- ally, layaway for toys and bikes has been extended to 90 days.

Any purchase of \$25 or more is eligible for layaway at the Fort Sam Houston PX. A 15 percent deposit on the total pur-

chase price is required to hold the product.

Merchandise excluded from the layaway pro- gram includes clearance merchandise, computers, peripherals, major appli- ances, furniture, mat- tresses, exercise equip- ment, electronics costing \$299 and up, as well as seasonal and outdoor liv- ing products.

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developed and tracked in a disciplined manner supporting the warfight- ers’ needs by including an in-progress review.

“In-progress reviews are a major component of the AMA process,” said Jennifer Hastedt, a MICC procurement analyst and IPT member. “Contract- ing officers and specialists will brief both the con- tracting approval authori- ty at the appropriate level and equivalent manager at the requiring activity. This will ensure the MICC and requiring activity management knows the procurement status and identifies issues that could develop into delays.”

The transformation from the Milestone Track- ing Report to the AMA

process got under way in January. An integrated process team then set out to identify requirements and develop tools for the new process. A successful beta test was conducted this summer at Fort Eu- stis, Va.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.

“The test went very well,” Hastedt said. “The MICC test sites provided positive feedback and constructive comments to improve the AMA tools.”

Training for the new process at MICC field of- fices gets under way Oct. 1 with full implementation of the AMA process set for January. Representatives from the MICC Contract- ing Support, Plans and Operations directorate will provide training at the

requiring activity head- quarters level.

In addition to reduced lead times, MICC officials believe implementation of the AMA will also help meet the government’s fiduciary responsibility by forging a partnership between the requirements and acquisition communi- ties to field capabilities on cost and schedule.

“It shifts the mindset from simply meeting a date to working as a team to create documents that meet all of the stake- holders’ needs,” Wentrcck said.

The MICC is re- sponsible for planning, integrating, awarding and

administering contracts in support of Army com- mands, direct reporting units, U.S. Army North and other organizations to provide the best value for the mission, Soldiers and their families.

Contracting profession- als at the MICC’s subor- dinate units work with installation leadership throughout the gener- ating force, or institu- tional Army, to translate their requirements into contracted materiel and services. The institutional Army prepares, trains, educates and supports the operational Army, which is made up of deployed forces.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1
San Antonio Texas	68° PM Showers	69° AM Clouds PM Sun	73° Sunny	79° Mostly Cloudy	77° Sunny	78° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	68° Sunny	68° Mostly Cloudy	68° Mostly Cloudy	70° Sunny	69° Sunny	67° Sunny
Baghdad Iraq	85° Sunny	85° Partly Cloudy	79° Sunny	75° Sunny	78° Sunny	78° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Bunches of books for military children, post library

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502 FSS Marketing

Looking forward to reading on her own very soon, 3-year-old Madison Allbright elatedly picked out a book with pictures of dragons on the cover.

Her excitement was multiplied by 50 toddlers, each selecting two new books compliments of Blue Star Families who visited the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library on Fort Sam Houston Oct. 19. The

national non-profit takes its "Books on Bases" program on the road to promote reading among military families through book donation.

"When you are driving with your mom or dad, point out signs and ask them to sound out the letters with you. You can do it at the supermarket too with a can of peas or corn," Loree Tillman, the national program director of Blue Star Families tells the young children who are huddled in a

circle at the library.

The children were treated to a visit from Col. John Lamoureux, the 502nd Mission Support Group commander, and a guest story teller, Geraldine Kiser, who read a Halloween hit, "Scaredy-Cat, Splat" by Rob Scotton.

Blue Star Families raises awareness of the challenges and strengths of military family life and through projects like "Books on Bases," works to make life for troops and their families more sustainable.

The library staff also hosted a coloring contest and a prize drawing. Three-year-old Zaria Johnson won the coloring contest and took home a Nook E-Reader. Two other prize winners



Photos by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Col. John Lamoureux, commander of the 502nd Mission Support Group, gets a resounding "yes" when he asks toddlers attending the "Books on Bases" program if they like to read.

took home E-Readers as well.

Blue Star Families also donated a collection of children's books and two E-Readers for each of the installations, Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases and Fort Sam Houston.



Gretchen and her daughter, 3-year-old Imij Armstead enjoy Mercer Mayer's "When I Get Bigger," a gift from Blue Star Families.



Announcements

It's Up To Me To Be Drug Free Contest

Student's kindergarten through 12th grade can enter to win an iPad 2 and \$1,000 for their school by decorating their homes' mailbox, front door or fence with the theme, "It's Up To Me To Be Drug Free," and uploading pictures to <http://www.redribbon.org/enter>, then friends and family can vote for their entry Nov. 1-15.

Looking For Golfers

Join the Fort Sam Houston Dawg Fight golf group. The group plays on weekends and holidays, at local area resorts and private courses. Visit <http://www.dawgfight.com> for information.

Second Division Association

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the 2nd Infantry

Division. For information, visit <http://www.2ida.org> or call 224-225-1202.

Neanderthal Trail Run

Register now for the Neanderthal Trail Run sponsored by Troop Support Company. The 11-kilometer (about 7.1 miles) run will be held Dec. 2 beginning 6:30 a.m. from Building 5130 Wilkerson Road on Camp Bullis. Must register prior to race day, cost is \$30/civilian and \$20/military with ID card, fee includes T-shirt. Call 295-7697 for information.

Basic Skills Education Program

The Fort Sam Houston Education Center Basic Skills Education Program is designed to teach and refresh basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Learners must be self-motivated individuals who desire to increase their capabilities in basic skills in a rigorous learning environment, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary and math skills. Call 221-1738 to enroll or for information.

Tinnitus clinical trial

Does ringing, buzzing or roaring in your ears overwhelm you? Wilford Hall is conducting a Tinnitus Retraining Therapy clinical trial, funded by the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communications Disorders. In this trial, participants will be treated with tinnitus retraining therapy, which includes low-level sound therapy and directive counseling, or the standard care typically given for persons with severe tinnitus in military medical facilities. To participate, interested individuals must have severe tinnitus and near normal hearing, be 18 years or older, speak and understand English, consider tinnitus overwhelming, be willing to participate in an 18-month research study, and be eligible to receive care at a Department of Defense medical facility. For more information, call 292-5420 or 292-5421.

Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the

Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577 for more information.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

The Cloverleaf Communicators Club is open to military, family members and civilians who are interested in developing or enhancing their leadership and communications skills. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 for information or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

Toastmasters Club

The club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month noon-1 p.m. in the Joint Program Management Office conference room 1A, Building 4196. Call 663-4814 or 850-420-1610 or visit <http://www.futurespeakers.freetoasthost.org>.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve

Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212 for information.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-1732 or 221-0144.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 29-30

Waring Pumpkin Tree Walk

The Hill Country Volkssportverein

volksmarch club is hosting two 5k and 10k walks starting at the Waring VFD Hall. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call (830) 995-2421 or print the walk brochure at <http://web.me.com/ttrailhead/GG/Comfort.html>.

Nov. 21

Warrant Officer Association Meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet at 7 p.m. at Chacho's & Chulucci's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Rd. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

Dec. 1

Civilian Jobs Career Expo

Civilianjobs.com will hold a career expo 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Veterans who are non-military ID cardholders must pre-register 14 days prior to the job fair. Visit <http://www.civilianjobs.com> or call (678) 819-4153 for more information.

Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

Announcements

Fitness Center on the METC Campus

The Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the METC campus, 3569 Williams Road, Building 1369 is open Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. Call 808-5709/5708.

“Let’s Twist Again”

Shows are Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Dec. 17 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. with an 8 p.m. show time. Call 222-9646.

Hunting at Camp Bullis

Rifle hunting season opens at Camp Bullis Nov. 12, Saturdays and Sundays from 5:30 a.m. to late evening for selected permit holders. Bow hunting for deer, hogs and turkeys is underway Mondays and Thursdays 5:30-10 a.m., and Friday through Sunday 5:30 a.m. to

late evening. Call 295-7529/7577.

Armed Forces Action Plan Conference

The Armed Forces Action Plan Conference will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15-18 at the Sam Houston Community Club. This is an opportunity to voice concerns and recommend changes regarding military quality of life to DOD leadership and Fort Sam Houston commanders. Submit your issues by Oct. 21. To participate or submit issues, call 221-2604/2705 or email jbsa.afap@gmail.com.

HIRED! Program

Applications are being accepted for the Winter 2012 term which begins Jan. 9. Be an apprentice for a 12-week term and learn job skills in one of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation operations. The deadline to apply is Dec. 1. Call 221-3386.

Sports Scores

For Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

Outdoor Equipment Center

The Outdoor Equipment Center, Building 1111 on Forage Avenue, has new 18, 20 and 26 foot campers, new flatbed trailers, a new speed boat, new pontoon and more. Call 221-5225/5224.

Microsoft Office Classes

Nov. 1 - Introduction to Computers
Nov. 2 - Word Level 1
Nov. 3 - Excel level 1
Classes are held at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 from 8 a.m.-noon. Registration is required, call 221-2518/2705.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 27

Child Safety Seat Clinic

Family Life Program will offer a Child Safety Seat Clinic 1-3 p.m. at the Auto Craft Shop, Building 2410 Funston Road. This clinic is open to all military ID card holding Families with children under 4 feet 9 inches, or 100 pounds. Expectant Families are encouraged to attend as well. This clinic will provide a

safety seat check-up, installation education and recall checks. New car seats will be provided only if the current car seat is outdated or on the recall list. Registration is required and the children must be present to be weighed and measured. To register, call 221-0349, 221-0326 or 221-0221.

Oct. 28

Children in the Middle

This two-part class is Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 from 1-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Youth Center Haunted House

The Youth Center will hold a haunted house Oct. 28, 29 and 31, from 6-10 p.m. in Building 1630, Watkins Road. The cost is \$2, and is open to all ages. Call 221-3502.

Family Fun Day Carnival

A carnival will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the Child Development Center, Building 2530, Funston Road. This event is open to CDC Patrons. Call 221-5002.

Halloween Carnival

School Age Services will hold a Halloween carnival, 4-5:45 p.m. in Building 1703, Winans Road for children ages 6 to 11. Call 221-5151.

Oct. 29

Combat Medic Run

The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Command Pavilion on MacArthur Parade Field. Cost is \$15/5K and \$20/10K for online registration through Oct. 26 and \$20/5K and \$25/10K for online late registration Oct. 27-28. One day waived late fee, Oct. 27 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Packet pick at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Call 221-1234.

Spooky Storytime

Story time is 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Library, Building 1222, Harney Road, with a costume parade, stories, crafts and more Halloween-style fun. For children in preschool through middle school. Call 221-4702.

Halloween Bowling Bash

The Halloween Bowling Bash begins at 7 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center, Building

2521, Schofield Road. Costumes are welcome. Call 221-4242.

Oct. 31

Post-wide Trick or Treating

Halloween trick or treating hours are 6-8 p.m. on Fort Sam Houston for post residents.

Nov. 1

Army Family Team Building Level 2

The class is Nov. 1-2 from 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. To register, call 221-2611.

HUGS playgroup

This playgroup for parents and children up to age 5 meets Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m. at the Middle School Teen Center, Funston Road. Call 221-0349/2418.

Unit Family Readiness

The training is 10-11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

Baby Talk

This new parent support group meets, Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Light snacks and drinks provided. Call 221-0349/0655.

Budget Development

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center Computer Lab, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

Nov. 2

Virtual Family Readiness Group

The class is 9-11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

FRG Leaders Forum

The forum is 11:30 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

Mandatory Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

The training is noon-2 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. To register, call 221-1612.

Color Coding

This two-part class is Nov. 2 and 16 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center,

REMINDER CALENDAR

Oct. 28	Family Fun Day Carnival, 3-5 p.m., Child Development Center
Oct. 28	Halloween Carnival, 4-5:45 p.m. School Age Services, Building 1703
Oct. 29	Combat Medic Run, 7:30 a.m., MacArthur Field
Oct. 31	Trick or Treating, 6-8 p.m. on Fort Sam Houston
Nov. 5	Post-wide Yard Sale & Flea Market, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., housing areas and MacArthur Pavilion

Building 2797. This class provides information on why some people are easier to get along with; what draws us toward certain people, Call 221-0349.

Nov. 5

Post-wide Yard Sale and Flea Market

DOD ID cardholders and housing residents can register to sell their wares 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the flea market at MacArthur Pavilion or from their home on post by Nov. 3. Call 221-5225/5224.

Hearts Apart Support Group

This quarterly support group will meet at the Roadrunner Community Center at 10 a.m. and head to Fredericksburg for the day. Seating is limited, reservations are required. Call 221-9698/1372.

Poetry Slam

The Poetry Slam will be held 6:30-10 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Due to the possibility of mature content, this event is open to adults 18 and older only. The Slam is free, and cash prizes will be awarded. Door prizes and light refreshments will be available. Open to active duty, family members, DOD civilians and retirees. Register online at <https://poetryslam.wufoo.com/forms/stand-speak-listen-registration/>. Call 221-2055/0349.

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

Dining Room Breakfast Hours:
Monday-Friday 6:15-8:15 a.m.,
weekends and holidays 8-9:30
a.m.

Friday – Oct. 28

Lunch –11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken gumbo soup, cream of
broccoli soup, Creole macaroni,
chipper fish, breaded pork chops,
grilled pork chops, vegetarian
burritos, brown rice, O'Brien
potatoes, fried cabbage, corn on
the cob, carrots

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken pot pie with biscuits,
barbecued beef cubes, cheese
tortellini, lemon-baked fish,
steamed rice, mashed potatoes,
stewed tomatoes, club spinach,
cauliflower combo

Saturday – Oct. 29

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Chicken noodle soup, cream of
tomato soup, baked chicken,
hamburger yakisoba, pork chops
with pineapples, cheese mani-
cotti, wild rice, redskin potatoes,
herbed broccoli, peas and car-
rots, Brussels sprouts

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Blackened fish, chicken fajitas,
stuffed green peppers, veg-
etarian nuggets, steamed rice,
garlic-roasted potato wedges,
squash and carrot medley, pinto
beans

Sunday – Oct. 30

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Vegetable soup, cream of mush-
room soup, roast beef, chicken
enchiladas, pasta primavera,

baked stuffed fish, southwestern
rice, mashed potatoes, beans,
corn on the cob, green beans
Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Grilled steaks, breaded shrimp,
hamburgers, cheeseburgers,
grilled cheese sandwiches, Cajun
grilled chicken sandwiches,
vegetable pizza, baked potatoes,
sauteed onions and mushrooms,
mixed vegetables, broccoli,
french fries

Monday – Oct. 31

Lunch –11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cream of potato soup, French
onion soup with croutons,
Chinese five-spice chicken, meat
loaf, spicy Italian pork chops,
cheese tortellini, spicy brown
rice, mashed potatoes, peas and
carrots, herbed green beans

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken tetrazzini, Caribbean
fish, grilled ham steaks, egg-
plant parmesan, Kansas medley
rice, parslied red potatoes,
asparagus, squash and carrot
medley

Tuesday – Nov. 1

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mexican onion corn soup,
cream of mushroom soup, roast
turkey, beef stew, broccoli-rice
and cheese casserole, tamale
pie, sweet potatoes, cornbread
dressing, steamed rice, Mexican
rice, pinto beans, Mexican corn,
carrots

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Herb-baked chicken, barbecued
pork chops, spicy baked fish,
beef fajitas, cheese enchiladas,

rice pilaf, rosemary roasted
potato wedges, refried beans,
stir fry cabbage, corn O'Brien,
spinach

Wednesday – Nov. 2

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cream of potato soup, chicken
gumbo soup, baked chicken, rice,
fish parmesan, beef lasagna,
meatballs stroganoff, veg-
etable lasagna, oven browned
potatoes, caviar medley rice
blend, parslied egg noodles, lima
beans, vegetable stir fry,

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Grilled hamburger steaks, chick-
en cacciatore, lemon-baked fish,
breaded pork fritters, southw-
est-ern sweet potatoes, black beans
and corn, steamed rice, mashed
potatoes, stewed tomatoes, green
beans, cauliflower

Thursday- Nov. 3

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken vegetable soup, cream
of broccoli soup, oven-baked
fried chicken, Cajun baked fish,
barbecued spareribs, meat loaf,
hopping john rice, candied sweet
potatoes, macaroni and cheese,
mustard greens, corn on the cob,
green peas

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Braised pork chops, chicken and
Italian vegetable pasta, cheese
enchiladas, chili macaroni,
southwestern rice, O'Brien pota-
toes, savory squash, black-eyed
peas, broccoli

Menus are subject to change
without notice

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chair, \$200; bookshelf, 4 feet by 8
feet, brown wood, \$25; living room

set, couch and loveseat, light beige
and brown, \$95; four-drawer metal
filing cabinet, light brown, \$35; Dell
laptop, \$100. Call 241-1291.

For Sale: REM Martinique bed, dual
adjustment with massage, excellent
condition, \$6,800 retail, asking
\$3,800; 1989 Honda hatchback,
great condition. Low mileage,
\$4,499; 1994 Mercury Cougar, ex-
cellent engine, runs great, \$1,295;
upright piano, \$549. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: Rascal electric leg lift
wheelchair with instruction manual,
price negotiable. Call 661-3765.

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ACTIVITIES

Fort Sam Houston Elementary
School

Nov. 1
50th Day of School – Dress 50's
style

Robert G. Cole Middle and
High School

Nov. 1
Cole Fall Dinner Theatre Musical –
“There's a Monster in my Closet,”
dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.,
play will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 2
Cole Fall Dinner Theatre Musical –
“There's a Monster in my Closet,”
dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.,
play will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 3
JV Football vs. Jourdanton at Cole,
6 p.m.

Nov. 4
Varsity Football vs. Jourdanton at
Jourdanton, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 5
JROTC Turkey Shot, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
XC Regional Meet